

MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

Specification Amendments Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1)(iii)

Replace the paragraph at page 2, lines 10 through 11 with the below paragraph marked up by way of bracketing and underlining to show the changes relative to the previous version of the paragraph.

One aspect of the invention is an isolated and purified polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of Figures 1A-1C (SEQ ID NO:2).

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Figures 1A-1C are [Figure 1 is] the DNA (SEQ ID NO:1) and deduced amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:2) of the human P_{2U2} receptor.

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The present invention relates to a new purinergic receptor of the P₂ subclass, which is referred to herein as the P_{2U2} receptor. Figures 1A-1C show [Figure 1 shows] the DNA (SEQ ID NO:1) sequence of the clone encoding the P_{2U2} receptor along with the deduced amino acid sequence. The amino acid sequence shown in Figures 1A-1C [Figure 1] (SEQ ID NO:1) include [includes] four putative extracellular domains (the NH₂ -terminus and ECD I-ECD III) and seven

putative transmembrane regions (TM I-TM VII). As used herein, the "P_{2U2} receptor" refers to the receptor in any animal species sharing a common biological activity with the human receptor contained in the clone described in Example 1 herein. This "common biological activity" includes but is not limited to an effector or receptor function or cross-reactive antigenicity. Using the native DNA encoding the human form of this receptor, the P_{2U2} receptors in other species, may be obtained.

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One aspect of the present invention also relates to the human gene encoding the P_{2U2} receptor, which has both diagnostic and therapeutic uses as are described below. Included within this invention are proteins or peptides having substantial homology with the amino acid sequence of Figures 1A-1C [Figure 1] (SEQ ID NO:1).

Ordinarily, the P_{2U2} receptors and analogs thereof claimed herein will have an amino acid sequence having at least 75% amino acid sequence identity with the P_{2U2} receptor sequence disclosed in Figures 1A-1C [Figure 1] (SEQ ID NO:1), more preferably at least 80%, even more preferably at least 90%, and most preferably at least 95%. Identity or homology with a sequence is defined herein as the percentage of amino acid residues in the candidate sequence that are identical with the sequence of the P_{2U2} receptor, after aligning the sequences and introducing gaps, if necessary, to achieve the maximum percent homology, and not considering any conservative substitutions as part of the sequence identity. None of N-terminal, C-terminal or internal extensions,

deletions, or insertions of the P_{2U2} receptor sequence shall be construed as affecting homology.

Thus, the claimed P_{2U2} receptor and analog molecules that are the subject of this invention include molecules having the P_{2U2} receptor amino acid sequence; fragments thereof having a consecutive sequence of at least 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 or 40 amino acid residues from the P_{2U2} receptor sequence of Figures 1A-1C [Figure 1] (SEQ ID NO:1), amino acid sequence variants of the P_{2U2} receptor sequence of Figures 1A-1C [Figure 1] (SEQ IN NO:1) wherein an amino acid residue has been inserted N- or C-terminal to, or within, (including parallel deletions) the P_{2U2} receptor sequence or its fragments as defined above; amino acid sequence variants of the P_{2U2} receptor sequence of Figures 1A-1C [Figure 1] (SEQ ID NO:1) or its fragments as defined above which have been substituted by at least one residue.

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Recombinant production of the P_{2U2} receptor involves using a nucleic acid sequence that encodes the P_{2U2} receptor, as is set forth in Figures 1A-1C [Figure 1] (SEQ ID NO:1), or its degenerate analogs. The nucleic acid can be prepared either by retrieving the native sequence, as described below, or by using substantial portions of the known native sequence as a probe, or it can be synthesized de novo using procedures that are well known in the art.

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Specifically contemplated are genomic DNA, cDNA, mRNA and antisense molecules, as well as nucleic acids based on alternative backbone or including alternative bases whether derived from natural sources or synthesized.

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In both the agonists and antagonists, a preferred embodiment is that class of compounds having amino acid sequences that are encoded by the P_{2U2} receptor gene. Preferably, the agonists and antagonists have amino acid sequences, in whole or in part, corresponding to the extracellular domains of the P_{2U2} receptor. For example, preferred peptides of the invention correspond, in whole or in part, to either the amino terminus, which is amino acid no 1, methionine (M) to amino acid no 23, lysine (K) (SEQ ID NO:5); ECD I, which is amino acid no 83, tyrosine (Y) to amino acid no 99, arginine (R) (SEQ ID NO:6); ECD II, which is amino acid no 162, asparagine (N) to amino acid no 183, tyrosine(Y) (SEQ ID NO:7); or ECD III, which is amino acid no 257, alanine (A) to amino acid no 276, phenylalanine (F) (SEQ ID NO:8). Also included in the invention are isolated DNA molecules that encode these specific peptides. Accordingly, the invention pertains to isolated DNA molecules encoding human P_{2U2} receptor peptides comprising the amino acid sequence of Figures 1A-1C [Figure 1] from amino acid no 1, methionine to amino acid no 23, lysine (SEQ ID NO:5); from amino acid no 83, tyrosine to amino acid no 99, arginine (SEQ ID NO:6); from amino acid no 162, asparagine to amino acid no 183, tyrosine (SEQ ID NO:7); and from amino acid no 257, alanine to amino acid no 276, phenylalanine (SEQ ID NO:8).

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To isolate additional 5' sequence for the P_{2U2} gene, a 5' proximal fragment from the largest DAMI clone (D8) was used to screen a Clontech human kidney cDNA library (λ gt10) under identical screening conditions as were used for the DAMI cDNA library. DNA from plaque-purified positively hybridizing clones from both libraries were analyzed by restriction digest. Inserts from clones of interest were excised and subcloned into the commercially available pBluescript vector and sequenced as above. The complete open reading frame as well as truncated versions of the full-length cDNA were cloned into *Xenopus* oocyte or mammalian expression vectors for functional analysis. The DNA sequence of the complete open reading frame for the longest cDNA isolated from the kidney cDNA library is shown in Figures 1A-1C [Figure 1] (SEQ ID NO:1). As shown in Figure 2, the deduced amino acid sequence of the P_{2U2} cDNA shows extensive homology with other known purinergic receptors (Parr, *supra*, and Henderson, *supra*).

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Amendments to the specification are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (pages i-v).

REMARKS

The subject application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/947,922 filed September 7, 2001.

In the Specification

Please amend the specification by inserting after the title the following:

Related Applications

This application is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/947,922, filed September 7, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/410,738, filed October 1, 1999 (abandoned), which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/749,707, filed November 15, 1996 (Patent No. 6,063,582), which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/559,524, filed November 15, 1995 (Patent No. 5,871,963), which claims the benefit of U.S. Application Serial No. 60/006,782, filed November 15, 1995.

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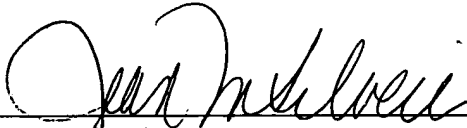
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Amendments to the Specification

The Related Applications section of the Specification has been amended to recite that this application "is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/947,922, filed September 7, 2001." In addition, the specification has been amended to refer to Figures 1A-1C so as to agree with the labeling of the Formal Drawings filed with the application on November 12, 2003.

This Amendment adds no new matter.

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